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SUBJECT: DRAFT NIGERIAN RESES ON SOUTH AFRICA AND PORTUGAL.

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1. DRAFT RESES ON SOUTH AFRICA AND PORTUGAL WERE EXPECTED, GIVEN WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE CONFERENCE RES 6 OF APRIL 1973 AND NUMEROUS SPEECHES THUS FAR IN ITU PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE. WE JUDGE PROSPECTS FOR THEIR ADOPTION AS FAVORABLE.

2. USDEL IS ENCOURAGED THAT DRAFT RESES DO NOT RPT NOT CALL FOR EXCLUSION OF SOUTH AFRICA AND PORTUGAL FROM ITU ITSELF. WE SHALL, OF COURSE, NONETHELESS OPPOSE BOTH. IN ABSENCE OF COMMENTS OR ALTERNATIVE TEXT FROM DEPT, WE PLAN TO MAKE FOLLOWING STATEMENT.

QUOTE. THE VIEWS AND ACTIONS OF THE UNITED STATES IN SUPPORT OF THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA ARE WELL KNOWN AND DO NOT WARRANT FURTHER REPETITION HERE. HOWEVER, WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE ALSO THAT THE CONSIDERATION OF POLIT-
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ICAL MATTERS IS INAPPROPRIATE FOR A TECHNICAL ORGANIZATION

AND, IN THE CASE OF THE ITU, CAN ONLY BE DETRIMENTAL TO OUR WORK. IF WE ARE TO ACHIEVE OUR GOALS IN THE FURTHERANCE OF ORDERLY WORLD COMMUNICATIONS IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE BASE OUR ACTIONS ON RELEVANT TECHNICAL GROUNDS. FOR THESE REASONS THE UNITED STATES MUST OPPOSE THE DRAFT RESOLUTION UNDER CONSIDERATION AND REQUESTS THAT THIS STATEMENT BE MADE A PART OF THE PERMANENT RECORD OF THIS CONFERENCE. UNQUOTE.

3. USDEL DOES NOT RPT NOT PLAN TO LOBBY FOR AMENDMENT OR DEFEAT OF RESES SINCE WE BELIEVE THIS WOULD INVOLVE LARGE EXPENDITURE OF DIPLOMATIC CAPITAL WITH NO RPT NO PROSPECT OF SUCCESS. WE SHALL MAKE CLEAR OUR VIEWS BOTH ON AND OFF FLOOR.

4. WE ARE CONSIDERING MAKING SUGGESTION TO AN APPROPRIATE DELEGATION (PERHAPS TO NIGERIA ITSELF) THAT FOLLOWING LANGUAGE BE ADDED TO FINAL PARA, FOLLOWING QUOTE UNION END QUOTE IN EACH RES. QUOTE. UNTIL THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE UNITED NATIONS AND AFTER CONSULTING THE MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF THE UNION, SHALL FIND THAT CONDITIONS FOR CONSTRUCTIVE COOPERATION HAVE BEEN RESTORED. END QUOTE. THIS IS TAKEN FROM MONTREUX RES 44 AND WOULD HOLD OUT POSSIBILITY FOR EVENTUAL RETURN OF SOUTH AFRICA AND PORTUGAL TO ITU MEETINGS. BEAM

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